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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE LIFTING FRENCH MIDDLE EAST ARMS

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1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT U.S. GOVERN-
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MENT REACTION TO FRENCH LIFTING OF ITS MIDDLE EAST ARMS

EMBARGO:

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S REACTION TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S LIFTING OF ITS ARMS EMBARGO IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

ANSWER: THIS IS AN INTERNAL DECISION OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ON WHICH WE WOULD NOT WISH TO COMMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, I WOULD SAY WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SHARES OUR DESIRES TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND TO INSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PRESENT CEASEFIRE. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS DECISION WILL REFLECT THIS VIEW.

QUESTION: ARE YOU GOING TO TELL THE FRENCH THIS?

ANSWER: I AM SURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE IS AWARE OF OUR POSITION AND OF THE CONSULTATIONS WE ARE ENGAGED IN DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT A SETTLEMENT OF THE POLITICAL DIFFERENCES IN THE AREA.

2. ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW ON ABOVE IN RESPONDING TO PRESS INQUIRIES. KISSINGER

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